



State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

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Dear Agency Director,

As our state approaches the next budget year, we believe that we have a critical need to prioritize spending and structure our operations in a way that provides maximum efficiency to the taxpayers of South Carolina. This is due to the fiscal challenges experienced since FY 2000-01, which require us to rethink the way government spends the money it is provided. These changes can only benefit our state.

It is for that reason we begin the second year of the *Budgeting for Results* process. I greatly appreciate the work that you and your staff have completed this summer in compiling your budget into the activity-based format. Along the same line, we will be holding budget hearings by goal areas in September, and we look forward to our discussions with your agency.

Enclosed you will find budget planning forms for FY 2006-07 that are in the format I'd ask you to use. These forms serve to notify us of new funding requests that you may have during the upcoming fiscal year. As we move ahead in this process, we will continue our efforts to craft a budget that moves our state in the right direction.

Thanks again for your hard work on behalf of South Carolinians and take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford

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Enclosure